News and Events

It’s Been Nice
GSU staff is reminded that this is the last week of the summer hours schedule. Next week begins the regular five-day a week schedule. Fall semester classes begin August 30.

Viruses and Worms and Trojans, OH MY!

Computer viruses, worms, and Trojans pose challenges to individuals and organizations, including GSU.

For the past 10 years, GSU’s standard vendor for desktop anti-virus software has been Symantec. Unfortunately, during the past two years, the university has experienced an increase in cases where Symantec has failed to stop infection and spread of viruses across campus computers.

While no anti-virus product claims to be able to catch all malicious programs, some perform better than others, depending on variables such as the applications and software products running on a computer. After extensive research and testing, ITS will install Trend Micro, the new anti-virus client, to computers on the GSU campus.

The replacement of Symantec with Trend Micro will be completed in the background, while your computer is on and connected to the GSU Network. This will all be done remotely. You should experience no disruption, and you may continue to work during the process.

You will know you have the new anti-virus client on your computer when, in the lower-right system tray of your desktop,

the Symantec gold shield icon is replaced by the Trend Micro globe icon.

Please contact the GSU Helpdesk at 708.534.4357, if you have questions regarding this change.

Pack Your Lunch
The cafeteria will be closed from August 16 to August 20. The cafeteria will reopen on August 23.

Twenty Questions, Plus One
Dr. Serena Wadhwa, Adjunct Professor of Addiction Studies

- What is your favorite yearly event at GSU? The Farmers Market.
- True or false? The secret to life involves garlic and olive oil. True. It’s important to fend off the vampires and keep the skin smooth!
- A really great night out for me is... Anything involving my friends, family, meeting new people, trying new things, oh, and of course, great food.
- Any current research or conference presentations you’d like to share with
the GSU community? I would love to share my passion for empowerment and stress management. Both are so needed, especially in the educational settings.

- At the end of the day, I like to listen to... Silence or rain...depends on the day.
- My five all-time favorite movies are... My favorite American movies include The Piano and Bed of Roses. My favorite Indian movies include Mohabbatein and Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham. Still looking for the tiebreaker.
- Regarding superpowers: Would you prefer invisibility or the ability to fly? The ability to fly. Perhaps it will encourage me to travel, as I don’t like flying on planes.
- What was your first job? I worked at an Arby's during high school.
- What’s a vacation spot you’d recommend to others? Home. It’s amazing how many neat things are going on in my own town.
- Have you ever kept a New Year’s resolution? Explain. I’ve resolved for several years that on January 1, I list those things I’ve accomplished the previous year. It helps me stay focused on my success and keep my motivation going to continue succeeding.

The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows. I am writing a vampire trilogy.

To participate in GSU View’s Twenty Questions, Plus One, contact Tom Houlihan.

Chicago Heights Film Screening

Chicago Heights, a film made by students and faculty in the Master of Fine Arts program, will make its Chicago debut at the 2010 Black Harvest Film Festival at the Gene Siskel Film Center on Saturday, August 28, and Wednesday, September 1, at 8:15 p.m. (both screenings).

Chicago Heights is an award-winning, short, experimental, black and white feature film made with a $1,000 budget for food, equipment on loan from Governors State University, and during the free time of the all volunteer cast and crew.

The film is based on Winesburg, Ohio, Sherwood Anderson's classic 1919 collection of interconnected short stories. The story is transposed ingeniously to a predominantly African American community in the present-day south Chicago region. It is a gorgeously photographed, beautifully scored film, shot, and edited in and around the region.

Director Daniel Nearing, associate professor at GSU, and actor Andre Truss, will be present for audience discussion after the screening on Saturday night. Producer-cinematographer Sanghoon Lee, assistant professor at GSU, will participate in the audience discussion on Wednesday.

Nearing will also participate in a panel discussion entitled How to Get a Movie Made, on Sunday, August 15, at 3 p.m., at the Gene Siskel Film Center. The conversation is free and open to the public.

Tickets are $10 for general admission and $7 for students and are available through Ticketmaster. The Gene Siskel Film Center is located at 164 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois. For information on the Gene Siskel Film Center, see www.siskelfilmcenter.org. For information on the film, visit www.923Films.com.

From Research to Practice - Call for Abstracts

The Center for the Care and Study of Vulnerable Populations at GSU will host a conference addressing the issue of health inequity. The objectives of this conference are to highlight GSU research on the subject and community research models that work. The conference planning committee invites abstracts for the poster session on any topic area related to health inequity research particularly with respect to vulnerable and at risk populations.
The conference takes place on Friday, October 22, 2010. The poster session will be from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Presenters will answer questions from 4 to 5 p.m.

Submissions from GSU faculty, staff, and students, community-based organization staff, healthcare providers, staff of local health departments, and faculty and staff from colleges and universities in the region are being sought. Abstracts are not to exceed 500 words and should include title, objective, background, methods, results, conclusions, and name, organizational affiliation, and contact information.

All abstracts should be submitted to Penny Havlicek, Ph.D. no later than September 10. Abstracts will be peer reviewed based on significance of the research, originality, and clarity of content. Applicants will be notified in writing no later than September 20 whether their abstracts have been accepted. For more information, call 708.534.4388.

**Pierre on Vacation**

Pierre accompanied Pam Taylor of the University Library on a trip to Custer State Park in South Dakota. He made a new friend on the great prairie and also enjoyed a delectable conversation with Charlie the Tuna – or at least someone who reminded him of Charlie.

Pierre was impressed by the Lincoln capital building, which he saw on his recent trip to Washington D.C. with Nick Battaglia, Interim Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management Services. The extreme heat forced him to rest from his exertions on the Washington Mall. He looks like he needs a cooling swim.

If you’re interested in taking Pierre to the beach or pool or anywhere, consider picking up your own Pierre in room G369 or G370. Pierre is enjoying all the trips he is taking with GSU students, faculty, and staff. He is having so much fun, in fact, that the Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest has been extended until September 6, 2010.

For information on how you can pick up your own Pierre the Penguin to take on a trip near or far, and how to enter the Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest, go to Pierre’s [webpage](#).